

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/AU03/00750

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used).
DWPI: (membran+ or nylon or polyamid+ or cellulose+ or nitrocellulose+) and gel and hydrophil+

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5405516 A (Bellon) 11 April 1995 See whole document	1-2, 31, 34, 40-41, 57-58, 72, 74-76, 80
A	US 4715942 A (Tezuka et al.) 29 December 1987	
A	US 4897306 A (Sugimoto et al.) 30 January 1990X	

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